

FINAL EDITION — 32 PAGES, TWO SECTIONS

ST. JOSEPH, MICH. FRIDAY, MAY 21, 1971

Weather:
Sunny - Mild

10c



LMC'S FIRST REGISTERED NURSES: The first class to complete Lake Michigan college's two-year Associate Degree Nursing program will graduate Saturday as Registered Nurses. The 22 RN's are from Benton Harbor, St. Joseph, Berrien Springs, Coloma, Watervliet, Bridgman, Niles and Dowagiac. Two men are among the graduates. Kneeling, from

left, are: Miss Paula Armstrong, Miss Marlene Knauf, Miss Deborah Beaudette, Miss Kathryn Brittin, Mrs. Marilyn Christianson, Mrs. Linda McFadden, Mrs. Barbara Marsh, and Miss Joyce McKenzie. Standing, from left, are Miss Lucy Mayer, RN, chairman of LMC's health science division; Mrs. Gretheen Gillespie; Mrs. Dorothy Fluga; Mrs.

Susan Johnston; Robert Acton; Mrs. Viola Chen; John Holm; Mrs. Nannie Hudson; Mrs. Thora Stevenson; Miss Margaret Ridgeway; Miss Dorit Lieberg; Miss Marian Woodruff; Mrs. Phyllis Root; Mrs. Norma Norris; Mrs. Hilda Schults, and Miss Barbara Gale, RN, instructor. (Staff photo)

Money Problems Worsening

Milliken Asks New Tax Hike

LANSING, Mich. (AP) — Gov. William Milliken asked the legislature today for a temporary 50 per cent increase in Michigan income taxes to help solve ever-mounting state money problems.

Revising his earlier proposals, Milliken called for a 1.3 per cent hike in the present 2.6 per cent personal income tax, effective for six months beginning next Jan. 1.

On July 1, 1972, the tax rate would drop to 3.6 per cent,



CITATION PRESENTED: S. Sgt. C. A. Walter, state police commander at New Buffalo, presents civilian meritorious citation to James Ponegalek of Union Pier. Citation was issued by state police headquarters in Lansing in appreciation of information Ponegalek supplied to police last August. Information led to arrest of three persons suspected of a burglary in Battle Creek. Ponegalek manages Sunoco service station at Union Pier exit of I-94. (Don Wehner photo)

for Senate debate by June 1, VanderLaan reported.

At least one Democrat, meanwhile, said Milliken's newest tax proposal won't go far enough. "It still won't pay the bills," declared Sen. Coleman Young, D-Detroit. "We'll have to come up with more money, but he's in the clear because he didn't ask for more."

In his message to lawmakers, Milliken called for holding firm on his spending recommendations, saying, "We have an obligation to the silent taxpayer as well as to the vocal tax consumer."

Under the governor's plan, the total income tax increase would bring in some \$162.5 million for the months it would be

in effect. The income level would drop to \$125 million for a similar time period under the lower increase figures. The governor's latest requests call for the corporate income tax to increase from the present 5.6 per cent the following July 1. A 3.9 per cent hike in the 7 per cent financial institutions tax would be cut back to a total of 10 per cent in mid-1972.

IN THE RED

Milliken's new package—issued just 28 days before the end of the current fiscal year—comes in the wake of reports that the state will be up to \$55 million in the red by June 30.

The governor said Thursday, however, that steps would be taken to close that revenue gap. He blamed the projected deficit, skyrocketing welfare costs, a civil service pay raise and lower than expected revenues for the requested higher tax.

Milliken said, however, that he was unwilling to accept a projected \$45 million addition to his budgeted \$469.3 welfare budget for the coming year.

"We must find means, which I am now exploring, to control these costs and we must continue to put pressure on the federal government to assume a larger share of the burden . . ."

VanderLaan said Senate Appropriations Chairman Charles O. Zollar, R-Benton Harbor, would introduce legislation to trim the welfare budget by up to 10 per cent. It was doubtful, however, that if such a plan made it through the Senate, it would pass the Democrat-dominated House.

Milliken's revised plan also is a response to reports earlier this week that state spending plans would outstrip revenue by up to \$627 million if the legislature fails to take a number of called for actions.

Milliken repeated those requests in his message, calling for repeal of the so-called Spencer-Ryan school aid plan that would cost some \$180 million and continued suspension of the property and city income tax credits against the state income tax.

The governor asked the legislature also to:

—Hold aid to the cities at \$119.1 million, as recommended

by the state auditor general.

Josh Wind at piano tonite—Captain's Table, Travel Inn, B.I.I. Adv.

to rescind its contract with the county. The suit says representations to the contractor about subsurface conditions used by the contractor to make his bid allegedly were erroneous and underestimated the amount of necessary work.

Yerington & Harris, Inc., of Benton Harbor, the contractor on the \$1.5 million sewage project, filed suit against the County of Berrien and the county's sewer line engineers, Ayres, Lewis, Norris and May of Ann Arbor, to break the construction contract and win \$260,000 damages.

Claims misrepresentation

The contractor claims misrepresentation, breach of warranties, breach of contract and mutual mistake, with most of the claims alleging the contractor was misinformed about adverse soil conditions along the sewer route which made construction harder and more expensive than the contractor expected.

The contractor seeks \$250,000 damages and asks circuit court

to rescind its contract with the county. The suit says representations to the contractor about subsurface conditions used by the contractor to make his bid allegedly were erroneous and underestimated the amount of necessary work.

Yerington & Harris as low bidder won a \$1,566,726.41 contract with the county in December, 1969, to install 35,300 feet of 10 to 54-inch sewer line from St. Joseph to Stevensville along Hickory creek. The contractor reportedly completed 15 per cent of the job before halting April 9. The county public works board, acting on behalf of county government and the communities involved in the sewer project, voted April 28, a few days before the contract expired, to notify the contractor his contract would be terminated for alleged nonperformance.

If the contractor failed to arrange completion of the contract within 10 days after receiving the public works board notice, the contractor's bonding company had 30 days to arrange to complete the contract, the public works board's

in his budget, providing a \$27.7 million increase over this year's allocation.

—Pass before June 14 a proposed constitutional amendment to abolish the property tax as a source of regular school operating funds. "Voters

(See back page, sec. 1, col. 3)

Svetlana, Baby Girl Doing Well

Grandchild Of
Josef Stalin

SAN RAFAEL, Calif. (AP) — Svetlana Peters, the daughter of late Russian premier Josef Stalin, gave birth early today to a healthy seven-pound nine-ounce girl whom she and her husband named Olga.

Mrs. Peters is the wife of William Wesley Peters, chief architect of the Frank Lloyd Wright Foundation of Scottsdale, Ariz., and Spring Green, Wis.

DOING WELL

A family spokesman said mother and daughter are doing well.

Mrs. Peters, 45, arrived at Marin General Hospital with her husband at 11 p.m. Thursday to await the birth. The baby arrived at 2:30 a.m.

Mrs. Peters issued this statement from her hospital bed:

"I'm very happy to have a healthy and pretty child. This pretty girl makes another strong link between this country and myself."

Mrs. Peters, who has two grown children by a previous marriage in the Soviet Union, and her husband reside in Scottsdale, Ariz. They have been staying with Peters' sister, Margedant Hayakawa and her husband, S.I. Hayakawa, president of San Francisco State College.

Baby Olga was given a middle name too—Margedant, a family name on Peters' side.

Mrs. Hayakawa said after a period of convalescence Mrs. Peters and her husband would move to Spring Green, Wis.

Svetlana and the architect were married in Phoenix, Ariz.,

in April 1970.

THIRD MARRIAGE

Svetlana's marriage to Peters was her third. She was married at the age of 18 to Gregory Morosov, a fellow student, and her second husband was Yuri Zhidkov, a biochemist. She defected to the United States via India, where she had gone in December 1966, to return the ashes of Brajesh Singh, a man whom Soviet officials would not permit her to marry.

INDEX

SECTION ONE

Editorials Page 2
Twin Cities News Page 3
Women's Section Pages 4, 5, 6
Ann Landers Page 6
Obituaries Page 16

SECTION TWO

Area Highlights Page 17
Sports Pages 18, 19, 20, 21
Farm News Page 24
Comics, TV, Radio Page 26
Markets Page 27
Weather Forecast Page 27
Classified Ads. Pages 28, 29, 30, 31

(See back page, sec. 1, col. 1)

BH Schools Get Plenty Of Ideas

Proposals Range From Dissolution To 'Pen Pals'

By BRANDON BROWN
Staff Writer

BERRIEN SPRINGS — The Blue Ribbon committee charged with offering possible solutions to problems of the Benton Harbor school district last night began hearing proposals ranging from a "pen pal" system to improve student relations to total dissolution of the Benton Harbor district.

The committee also heard a State Department of Education representative indicate that racial makeup is not a major consideration in school reorganization moves. This appeared to be in virtually direct contradiction to a statement made to the committee earlier by another state education department consultant.

REPORTS DUE

At its next meeting in the intermediate district headquarters here next Wednesday, the committee will adopt basic final majority and minority reports on proposed solutions, according to George Welch, committee chairman.

Written reports will be adopted at a later special committee meeting and turned over to the intermediate district for transmittal to the Benton Harbor school board, Welch said.

The committee was charged in its May 4 meeting with arriving at proposals this month. Welch said there have been suggestions to offer the majority and minority reports in a "straw ballot" of Benton Harbor school district residents.

Suggestions described by committeemen or read last night by Welch, most with the authors unnamed to avoid personalities, ranged from:

'PEN-PAL' CORRESPONDENCE

—A "pen pal" system of correspondence between young core-city and outer-city school children to improve attitudes between the races on the theory that children who get to know one another can get to like one another.

—To complete dissolution of the consolidated Benton Harbor Area school district by sending the north section to Coloma schools, the east section to Watervliet, the southeast section to Eau Claire, and the western and southwestern section to St. Joseph schools.

Blue Ribbon committeemen also heard letters from three real estate appraisers on property values within the Benton Harbor district. They also heard a Michigan Department of Education specialist in school reorganizations and transfers, indicate mere racial make-up in an altered school district is not the sole factor the state staff examines in school reorganizations.

Several committeemen, including Mrs. Helen Fair of Seely McCord area, Atiy. Henry Gleiss of Fairplain West-Northwest, and Mrs. Zelma Fellner of Sodus, reported to Welch that some residents of their areas believe the committee is a "farce," "stall" a "set-up deal" or "stacked in favor of the (Benton Harbor school) administration."

Mrs. Nancy Clark reported her residents also want Fairplain East out of the Benton Harbor district and would like to combine with neighboring districts.

REAL ESTATE DROPS

Three real estate specialists — Ralph Laverty of Niles, Sherill E. Hudson of Fairplain and R.J. Burkholz of North Shore — in general said by letter that real estate values in Fairplain and North Shore have fallen since consolidation of the Benton Harbor district. Laverty and Hudson's letters noted a sharp difference between the values of homes in Fairplain and elsewhere, and Hudson reported the buyer's

(See back page, sec. 1, col. 1)



MILESTONE FOR I&M: The visitors' center at Indiana & Michigan Co. Cook nuclear power plant, Bridgman, reached a milestone Thursday, providing tours for their 99,999th and 100,000th visitors. Providing the magic numbers were Mr. and Mrs. Leonard Burns, Michigan City, Ind. (above). The center, overlooking Lake Michigan and the nuclear construction site, opened last July and has attracted visitors from 48 of the 50 states in its first 10 months of operation. (Barbara Taylor photo)

Project Mired Deeper, Deeper

Suburban Sewage Line Suit Filed

An eight mile sewage pipeline that would bring sewage disposal service to dozens of square miles of south suburban St. Joseph wound up in court Thursday, with no prediction when it will be completed or even when construction will be resumed.

Yerington & Harris, Inc., of Benton Harbor, the contractor on the \$1.5 million sewage project, filed suit against the County of Berrien and the county's sewer line engineers, Ayres, Lewis, Norris and May of Ann Arbor, to break the construction contract and win \$260,000 damages.

The contractor claims misrepresentation, breach of warranties, breach of contract and mutual mistake, with most of the claims alleging the contractor was misinformed about adverse soil conditions along the sewer route which made construction harder and more expensive than the contractor expected.

The contractor seeks \$250,000 damages and asks circuit court

to rescind its contract with the county. The suit says representations to the contractor about subsurface conditions used by the contractor to make his bid allegedly were erroneous and underestimated the amount of necessary work.

Yerington & Harris as low bidder won a \$1,566,726.41 contract with the county in December, 1969, to install 35,300 feet of 10 to 54-inch sewer line from St. Joseph to Stevensville along Hickory creek. The contractor reportedly completed 15 per cent of the job before halting April 9. The county public works board, acting on behalf of county government and the communities involved in the sewer project, voted April 28, a few days before the contract expired, to notify the contractor his contract would be terminated for alleged nonperformance.

If the contractor failed to arrange completion of the contract within 10 days after receiving the public works board notice, the contractor's bonding company had 30 days to arrange to complete the contract, the public works board's

Detroit attorney said earlier.

The notice of intent to terminate "to us was meaningless" because the contractor halted work April 9 on learning of allegations in the suit, said one of the contractor's lawyers, Grand Rapids Atty. John W. McNeil. "They don't intend to complete the contract," he added.

The suit apparently puts in limbo any arrangements by the contractor or bonding company to complete the sewage project during the pendency of the suit.

The sewage line has been mired in controversy since last summer when the contractor complained heavy sections of sewer pipe sank or shifted out of position in the Hickory creek ravine. At one point the contractor told the public works board engineers the contract could take an extra two years and \$2.5 million to complete.

The engineers were "shocked" by these suggestions and

(See back page, sec. 1, col. 6)

THE HERALD-PRESS

Editorial Page

W. J. Banyon, Editor and Publisher
Bert Lindenfeld, Managing Editor

Humor Man Moves On

Personnel managers normally take a dim view of people switching employment within a short span.

They regard the job hopper as opportunistic at best and more likely as unstable.

Consequently if a job opening is substantial in any degree, the quick change artist rates the poorest chance of landing it.

Experience among employing managements generally confirms that deduction, but there are exceptions to every rule.

Odgen Nash, the best American satirist since Mark Twain, Bill Nye and Mr. Dooley departed the scene, is one shining example in that regard.

He was born 68 years ago, the son of an importer.

He attended enough schools, including a year at Harvard, to obtain a teaching certificate and for the first two years of his adulthood taught school.

Tiring of that, young Nash tried his hand in Wall street as a salesman specializing in bonds.

Two years in the securities business, per his own word, netted the sale of one bond. "To my Godmother," he described his customer.

Next he joined an advertising agency, writing copy for the billboards that streetcars placed just above straphangers' eyes.

Either the assignment palled on him or the agency bosses failed to notice that Nash's ad copy was not exactly knocking anyone dead, the record is not too clear, but in any event at around age 25 he shifted over to Doubleday & Company, the book publishers, as a writer.

When he reached 27 in 1930 he penned some nonsensical lines which caught the eye of an editor on The New Yorker.

The New Yorker editor called for more samples of his broken line style.

In the following year Nash published "Hard Lines," his book of poetry and from that point forward turned to poetry as a full time livelihood.

Slippery Export

Stockpiles of American surplus foods have been used numerous times to provide relief to starving countries. Where the surpluses have not been outright gifts, they have been sold below cost on easy credit terms.

Few Americans would object to either plan, where the recipient is truly needy and the action does not endanger domestic provisions. The "butter for Britain" program announced by the U.S. Department of Agriculture takes on a different hue.

Announced as a "limited export sales program," the butter will be

Wrong Target

Computers sometimes make marvelous enemies. Perhaps there is nothing strange about a taxpayer receiving two sets of form 1040 from the Internal Revenue Service. Even tax auditors make mistakes.

Nor is it unusual for the concerned taxpayer to complain. After all, he doesn't want to pay his taxes twice. Nor is the reply that such a mistake is impossible and therefore cannot be corrected unusual, coming from a computer.

When all this happens to the Assistant Treasury Secretary for Tax policy, the situation is complete. Taxpayers now have a champion in high places who knows how it feels to sit on the receiving end of an errant computer.

THE HERALD-PRESS

Published daily except Sunday by the Pal-
Michigan Publishing Co. at 116 State St., St. Joseph,
Michigan 49085. Second class postage paid at
St. Joseph, Mich.

Volume 81, Number 120

MEMBER OF
ASSOCIATED PRESS

The Associated Press is exclusively entitled
to the use of all news dispatches
credited to it or not otherwise credited to the
Herald-Press and also the local news published
herein. All rights for re-publication of special
dispatches herein reserved.

SUBSCRIPTION RATES

All Carrier Service \$2.50 per week
Motor Route Service \$2.10 per month

Mail in Detroit, Cass, Allegan and Van Buren
Counties \$2.50 per month
All Other Mail \$2.60 per year
All mail subscription payable in advance.
Mail orders not accepted where carrier service
is available.

John Warden, of Columbus, Ga., passes on the story of the lonesome bachelor who fed his statistics to a computer in hopes of securing a compatible mate. The computer obliged with the names of three gables, but added "Be sure you get married by this fall." The bachelor sighed, "By golly, I've sure been autumn-mated!"

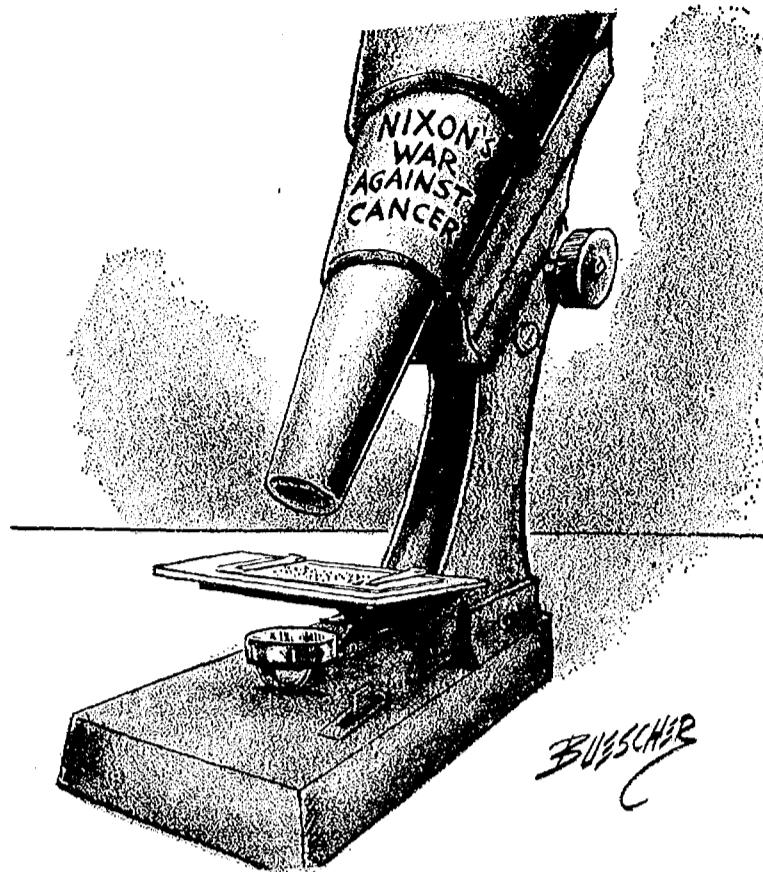
McLaughlin listed U. S. Sen. Richard A. Schweiker as a dinner expense on one of his expense account forms. Schweiker says he has never met the so-called lobbyist.

Diners Club receipts were altered upward, according to Gola. One \$1.95 charge was changed to read \$21.95. A \$7.50 receipt became \$17.50. Another for \$1.50 became \$38.20.

McLaughlin's expense account showed him entertaining con-

gressmen, city officials and other Pennsylvania leaders at the National Capital Democratic Club, an exclusive watering

New Offensive



GLANCING BACKWARDS

OPENS SHOP

—1 Year Ago—

Mrs. Sally Dudas has opened Mi-Lady's Shoppe at 217 State street in St. Joseph, with five times as much floor space as in her former store in Benton Harbor.

The store has a new teen boutique shop located upstairs and called "The Upper Landing."

4 NAMED ST. JOE VALEDDICTORIANS

—10 Years Ago—

Four straight-A students have been named valedictorians of St. Joseph high school in a precedent-making announcement.

The four are Marion Elizabeth Laetz, Helen Katherine Graves, Gretchen Elizabeth VanderLinde and Bruce K. Nagle.

BRITISH SEEK TO BUY SHIPS

—50 Years Ago—

Great Britain, it was learned authoritatively today, is negotiating with Latin American nations for the purchase of some of the 100-odd refugee foreign merchantmen now idle in hemisphere ports.

The negotiations, it was learned, paralleled existing discussions between Sir Arthur Salter, chief of the British Shipping mission, and the U. S. maritime commission, whereby Britain hopes to obtain some merchant tonnage when the United States formally requisitions the 84 foreign ships now under official surveillance here.

HIGHWAY TO OPEN

—40 Years Ago—

The million dollar, super-scenic highway between here

and South Haven is expected to be thrown open to public by Labor day, State Highway Commissioner Grover C. Dillman stated at Watervliet last night at a meeting there.

STORM DAMAGE

—50 Years Ago—

Several trees on Lake Boulevard were badly splintered and several telephone poles damaged in a severe electrical storm which swept over the city.

TRAFFIC JAM

—60 Years Ago—

Traffic was halted between the twin cities for 40 minutes this morning when the bridge over Morrison channel refused to lock. A long string of teams and automobiles were held up at either side of the structure.

ACTIVITY PLANNED

—40 Years Ago—

The Christian church of South Bend will run an excursion to St. Joseph on the Vandalia on Wednesday, June 3.

WILLIAM RITT

You're Telling Me!

All America heaved a great sigh of relief on this date in 1927 as Charles A. Lindbergh landed his plane safely in Paris after the first trans-Atlantic solo flight from the U.S. And you know something, Lindy? — we all still love you!

Operators of Missouri's famed Meramec Caverns claim it's the world's only five-story cave. Don't they really mean five-basement?

Chicago experienced one of the driest Aprils on record. That's if you don't count all that activity in the bars around the Loop.

The president of Uganda is upset because the nude Karagong tribesmen refuse to don clothes. Nakedness, says the prez, "is no longer fitting in modern times." Evidently he hasn't seen any adult movies recently.

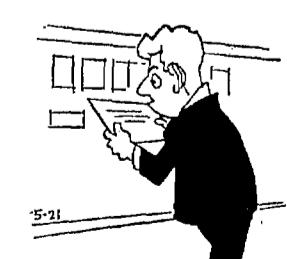
BENNET CERF

Try And Stop Me

Along with a sudden surge of optimism in Wall Street, warranted or not, has come a revival of interest in new stock issues. Analyst Robert Metz wonders, for example, how speculators or investors are going to be able to resist such items as Hookers of the Golden West, Inc.; Maybe Company; Playgirl Industries Corporation, and Room Service Italian Style, Inc. Understand immediately, please, that the companies are, respectively, a fishing club, a theatrical production enterprise, a maker of ladies' dresses and sportswear and a company franchising Italian-style food

From Colonel Duffy's Corner

1. Conceit is nature's compensation for inferiority.
2. Henpecked husband makes his stand: "My dear, we are NOT going out for dinner tonight — and that's SEMI-FINAL!"
3. There's nothing wrong with the younger generation that becoming taxpayers won't cure.



DR. COLEMAN

.. And Speaking Of Your Health

We refuse to allow our children to have any sweets or candy because we feel this is what causes tooth decay.

Some parents we know feel differently about this. As a result, our children feel deprived.

What is your opinion?

Mrs. O. T. R., Iowa
Dear Mrs. R.: Many dentists believe there is an important relationship between candy and tooth decay.

Some are more firm about this than others, and insist on total abstinence from candy and lollipops.

Recent scientific studies Dr. Coleman suggests that sugar may affect the "internal" activity of teeth. Before this, it was assumed that no active process was going on inside the tooth that could cause dental caries, or decay.

The new research suggest that sugar damages the teeth not by direct contact with them, but rather after it has been digested and absorbed.

All of which indicates that a high sugar diet may weaken the teeth and make them susceptible to decay.

In the case of your children another problem exists, namely, a psychological one. They may feel deprived by your rigid, unyielding attitude. You must know that other foods, too, contain sugar after they are digested.

It is, therefore, impossible for

you to eliminate all sugar from your children's diet.

A sense of moderation in attitude, coupled with good dental hygiene, can reduce dental decay and still avoid a child's feeling of deprivation.

I rarely have a hangover after drinking. I do have a hangover after taking a sleeping pill.

Is there anything I can take to make me more alert?

Mr. F. G., Ore.: Dear Mr. G.: First, you're not taking a sleeping pill and alcohol at the same time: the combination can be dangerous. It's unwise to take any stimulating drug after the tranquilizing effect of a sedative or a sleeping pill.

You can start a vicious cycle from which you'll be unable to extricate yourself.

More pills to sleep, followed by more pills to stay alert, and the trap of drug dependence is in motion.

You'd be wiser to find out some of the reasons for your emotional distress and why you seek relief in alcohol or drugs.

SPEAKING OF YOUR HEALTH: Remedy speech defects.

Dr. Lester Coleman has prepared a special booklet for readers of this column, "Alcoholism — A Family Disease." It probes this grave problem and offers hopeful advice. For your copy, send 25 cents in coin and a large, self-addressed stamped envelope to Lester L. Coleman, M.D., in care of this newspaper. Please mention the booklet by title.

JAY BECKER

Contract Bridge

The range for the three heart bid is generally 13 to 15 points, but some of these points may be distributional. It is not unusual for a jump raise to contain only 11 or 12 high-card points, and consequently great care must be exercised to cover this possibility while investigating a slam. Four clubs is a slam try showing club control. It invites partner to show surplus values beyond a minimum jump raise. The intention is to pass if partner bids four hearts.

3. Six hearts. The nature of partner's three heart bid is not important here — whether it be in the form of high cards, distribution, or both — since, with all suits under immediate control and 19 high-card points, twelve tricks are extremely likely to be made. It is true that partner may have exactly the right hand for a grand slam, but this possibility is too remote to be seriously considered. You can hardly expect him to take care of all your losers.

4. Five hearts. This is an indeterminate type of hand where, once again, you must enlist partner's cooperation, with 17 high-card points and a five-card suit. Slam is a reasonable possibility. However, you should feel far from sure of twelve tricks, despite the excellent suit controls, for whether you can make a slam depends chiefly on whether partner has a minimum or maximum three heart bid. You therefore ask him to make the final decision.

5. Five hearts. This is an indeterminate type of hand where, once again, you must enlist partner's cooperation, with 17 high-card points and a five-card suit. Slam is a reasonable possibility. However, you should feel far from sure of twelve tricks, despite the excellent suit controls, for whether you can make a slam depends chiefly on whether partner has a minimum or maximum three heart bid. You therefore ask him to make the final decision.

6. Four hearts. This is an indeterminate type of hand where, once again, you must enlist partner's cooperation, with 17 high-card points and a five-card suit. Slam is a reasonable possibility. However, you should feel far from sure of twelve tricks, despite the excellent suit controls, for whether you can make a slam depends chiefly on whether partner has a minimum or maximum three heart bid. You therefore ask him to make the final decision.

7. Four hearts. This is an indeterminate type of hand where, once again, you must enlist partner's cooperation, with 17 high-card points and a five-card suit. Slam is a reasonable possibility. However, you should feel far from sure of twelve tricks, despite the excellent suit controls, for whether you can make a slam depends chiefly on whether partner has a minimum or maximum three heart bid. You therefore ask him to make the final decision.

8. Four hearts. This is an indeterminate type of hand where, once again, you must enlist partner's cooperation, with 17 high-card points and a five-card suit. Slam is a reasonable possibility. However, you should feel far from sure of twelve tricks, despite the excellent suit controls, for whether you can make a slam depends chiefly on whether partner has a minimum or maximum three heart bid. You therefore ask him to make the final decision.

9. Five hearts. This is an indeterminate type of hand where, once again, you must enlist partner's cooperation, with 17 high-card points and a five-card suit. Slam is a reasonable possibility. However, you should feel far from sure of twelve tricks, despite the excellent suit controls, for whether you can make a slam depends chiefly on whether partner has a minimum or maximum three heart bid. You therefore ask him to make the final decision.

10. Five hearts. This is an indeterminate type of hand where, once again, you must enlist partner's cooperation, with 17 high-card points and a five-card suit. Slam is a reasonable possibility. However, you should feel far from sure of twelve tricks, despite the excellent suit controls, for whether you can make a slam depends chiefly on whether partner has a minimum or maximum three heart bid. You therefore ask him to make the final decision.

11. Five hearts. This is an indeterminate type of hand where, once again, you must enlist partner's cooperation, with 17 high-card points and a five-card suit. Slam is a reasonable possibility. However, you should feel far from sure of twelve tricks, despite the excellent suit controls, for whether you can make a slam depends chiefly on whether partner has a minimum or maximum three heart bid. You therefore ask him to make the final decision.

12. Five hearts. This is an indeterminate type of hand where, once again, you must enlist partner's cooperation, with 17 high-card points and a five-card suit. Slam is a reasonable possibility. However, you should feel far from sure of twelve tricks, despite the excellent suit controls, for whether you can make a slam depends chiefly on whether partner has a minimum or maximum three heart bid. You therefore ask him to make the final decision.

13. Five hearts. This is an indeterminate type of hand where, once again, you must enlist partner's cooperation, with 17 high-card points and a five-card suit. Slam is a reasonable possibility. However, you should feel far from sure of twelve tricks, despite the excellent suit controls, for whether you can make a slam depends chiefly on whether partner has a minimum or maximum three heart bid. You therefore ask him to make the final decision.

14. Five hearts. This is an indeterminate type of hand where, once again, you must enlist partner's cooperation, with 17 high-card points and a five-card suit. Slam is a reasonable possibility. However, you should feel far from sure of twelve tricks, despite the excellent suit controls, for whether you can make a slam depends chiefly on whether partner has a minimum or maximum three heart bid. You therefore ask him to make the final decision.

15. Five hearts. This is an indeterminate type of hand where, once again, you must enlist partner's cooperation, with 17 high-card points and a five-card suit. Slam is a reasonable possibility. However, you should feel far from sure of twelve tricks, despite the excellent suit controls, for whether you

THE HERALD-PRESS

ST. JOSEPH, MICH.

FRIDAY, MAY 21, 1971

Twin City
News

Ungraded Program Planned For Fall Term

'Educational Breakthrough' Coming To BH

By JIM SHANAHAN

BH City Editor

The Benton Harbor school district intends to launch an "educational breakthrough" when it takes over the Britain Avenue campus of Lake Michigan college, Supt. Mark E. Lewis announced today.

Lewis said the main building on the campus will be used

next year for an ungraded program for children living in the attendance areas of Calvin Britain and Columbus schools. The campus classrooms will house nearly 400 children in an ungraded program. These children would otherwise be in grades 4-5-6.

Some 800 children in grades K-1-2-3 will be at Columbus and Britain schools in ungraded programs.

Lewis said the plans will be explained Tuesday to parents at meeting in Calvin Britain school. The meeting will start at 7:30 p.m. After questions and answers, parents will be taken on a tour of the campus building. All parents in the Calvin Britain-Columbus attendance areas are invited.

The ungraded program will feature individualized instruction. Lewis said: "This type of educational program allows

each child to progress as rapidly as his ability and work habits permit. The sense of defeat which comes with persistent failure is eliminated and no child is held back by slow neighbors."

The Benton Harbor school district is slated to take possession of all facilities on the Britain campus, except the technical center, this year. The campus is owned by the school district and has been under lease to Lake Michigan college which has completed two building phases on its Napier avenue campus.

BEST SUITED

Lewis said several uses have been studied for the Calvin Britain and Columbus areas seems best suited.

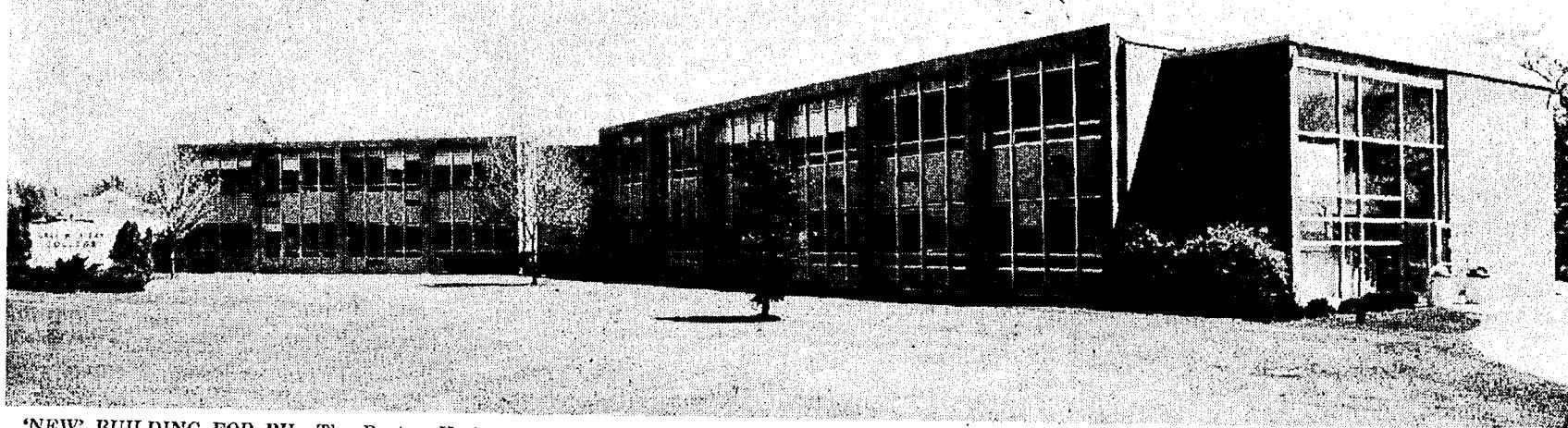
The Calvin Britain-Columbus area presently has 1,172 children in grades K-6 but there is classroom space at the two schools for only 825, excluding portable units. As a result students from Columbus are now distributed to six other schools — Sterne Brunson, Calvin Britain, Fairplain East, Fairplain Northeast, Fairplain West and Stump.

The ungraded plan using the college building will enable all Columbus area children to attend a school closer to home and retain the neighborhood school concept which is the policy of the board of education, Lewis said.

"The acquisition of the Britain avenue college building will permit us to educate all 1,200 students within walking distance of their homes," Lewis explained. "Parents will know exactly where their children will be going to school and will be able to develop a better relationship with the teachers. Responsibility for the child's learning growth will be more easily placed. Accountability can become a reality."

An ungraded program is now being run at Calvin Britain in lower elementary schools, but it has never been operated in the Benton Harbor district on a scale as large as is planned by Lewis.

The superintendent also said that negotiations are underway with several firms which specialize in guaranteed performance contracts. This would supplement the ungraded program in the Calvin Britain-Columbus area and be funded through state or federal grants.



'NEW BUILDING FOR BH: The Benton Harbor school district will take over this building of 31 classrooms on the Lake Michigan college Britain

avenue campus for use next school year. It plans to use the rooms for an ungraded program for upper elementary children in the Calvin Britain-

Columbus attendance areas.

BH Lives And Property At Stake In Election

Voters Will Decide Millage Monday



SAFE AND SOUND: Lost boy and his dog were found last March and turned over to mother because the police department was on the job. Locating the mother involved the patrol division and youth bureau of Benton Harbor police department. Youth bureau will be eliminated by budget cut if tax issue fails Monday. Returning lost children to parents may become slower process.

Approval Of BH Tax Requested By Police Lodge

The following statement was issued by Blossomland Lodge 100, Fraternal Order of Police, in support of the six-mill tax proposal which is up for election in Benton Harbor Monday.

The members of Blossomland Lodge 100 of the Fraternal Order of Police at a meeting held May 5, 1971 went on record favoring a yes vote in the special millage election to be held in the City of Benton Harbor on May 24th.

Lodge 100 is made up of police officers from Benton Harbor, Benton township, Berrien county, Michigan. State Police and agents from Berrien County Juvenile Court.

The members of the lodge deem it an absolute necessity that the Benton Harbor Police Department remain at its present strength in order to main-

...EDITOR'S NOTE: This is the first of two stories on the impact of the six-mill tax property tax proposal that Benton Harbor voters will decide Monday. This story covers police services. Tomorrow's account will be on the fire department. Polls will be open from 7 a.m. to 8 p.m. Monday. All registered voters are eligible to ballot.

Benton Harbor voters will ballot Monday on a six-mill tax proposal that affects their lives and property.

Failure of the millage means that 14 employees will be cut from the police department and nine from the fire department. The city currently is strapped for funds and under a legally binding order to raise wages of employees. It can't do it without the extra millage — or laying off policemen and firemen.

Mayor Wilbert Smith says this is as crucial an election as Benton Harbor has ever faced because of the public safety aspect.

Another authority says: "No public agency is as important as your police department. The police are the front line between you and the elements that would destroy society."

"The policeman bears an awesome burden. He may have to decide within a minute whether a man is having a heart attack, is drunk, is on an overdose of drugs or is insane.

"To reduce the ranks of policemen today is tantamount to suicide."

The authority is Dr. Walter Risler, associate dean of faculty South Bend Campus of Indiana University. Dr. Risler is a sociologist, but he's no egghead and no stranger to the Benton Harbor area. He has taught criminology here for the past 10 years at the Michigan State University Center for Continuing Education.

HIS CREDENTIALS

His credentials include director of a detention facility; chief probation officer, consultant to the South Bend police academy.

"You can say I have labored

in the field of crime."

Closer to home, Chief William McClaran tells what the cuts in the police department will mean:

1. Parking control eliminated, two jobs cut.
2. Youth bureau eliminated, four jobs cut.
3. Detective bureau curtailed, two jobs cut, four remaining.
4. Night clerk eliminated, one job.

5. Uniform patrol division services reduced, five patrolmen cut, 20 remaining.

CAN'T AFFORD LOSS

"It's common knowledge that we have a high crime rate and the city can ill-afford to lose policemen at this time," said McClaran.

Eight classes of serious crime rose 22 per cent last year in the city. There is a ray of hope recently: In March and April this year serious crimes dropped 15.5 per cent from 1970. They totaled 363 compared with 430 a year ago for the same period.

McClaran said: "One may assume that if visible patrols are reduced, there's a good chance that crime will increase."

The same assumption holds true for investigation of crimes: If detective ranks are thinned, there will be fewer solutions.

EFFECTS OF CUTS

Following is McClaran's description of the effects of budget cuts on police services:

A. Because of the 20 per cent cut in uniform patrolmen, we will have to eliminate the four-district concept of patrol and re-align the city into a three-district patrol pattern. With fewer men, fewer vehicles, and elimination of clerical personnel to type officers reports, we can expect a very noticeable reduction of uniform officers on patrol. At times when called for services are heavy, we will have to rank citizen requests in

order of importance as determined by us.

B. The elimination of the youth bureau is most disheartening and regrettable. This bureau has been a real asset to the department and more especially the community as a whole. However, the uniformed patrol service provides primary and often emergency services, and is therefore more necessary than the youth bureau.

C. The reduction of personnel in the detective bureau is regrettable. However, uniform

(See back page, sec. 1, col. 5)



MRS. IDA HOON

Retiring Teacher Honored

A retirement tea and open house were held Thursday at the Instruction Materials and Audio-Visual Center of the Benton Harbor school system honoring Ms. Ida H. Hoon for her 39 years of teaching, the last 16 in Benton Harbor.

Mrs. Hoon, a coordinator with the audio-visual center since 1966, will retire in June after a teaching career that spans the states of Iowa, California and Michigan. Since coming to Benton Harbor in 1955, she has taught at Morton, McCord, and Sterne Brunson schools, and was principal of Columbus school from 1959 to 1966.

Mrs. Hoon is a member of the administrative council and the principal's association of the Benton Harbor area schools.

She is also a member of the Michigan Audio-Visual Association, the National Audio-Visual Association, Delta Kappa Gamma (a teacher's honorary society), the American Association of University Women, and the Algonquin Chapter of the Daughters of the American Revolution.

Mrs. Hoon received a bachelors degree in 1949 and a Master of Science degree in 1955, both at Drake University, Des Moines, Iowa.

Thursday's open house honoring Mrs. Hoon was arranged by her secretary, Mrs. Onalee Sanden.

Mitchell Withdraws; Supports Other Black

Warren P. Mitchell, 661 Waukonda avenue, Benton Harbor, announced the withdrawal in a speech before the Morton Hill school PTA last night.

Mitchell said today that certain groups have persuaded him that he would be hurting the chances of another black candidate if he stayed in the contest. He declined to mention the groups by name.

BACKS VALENTINE

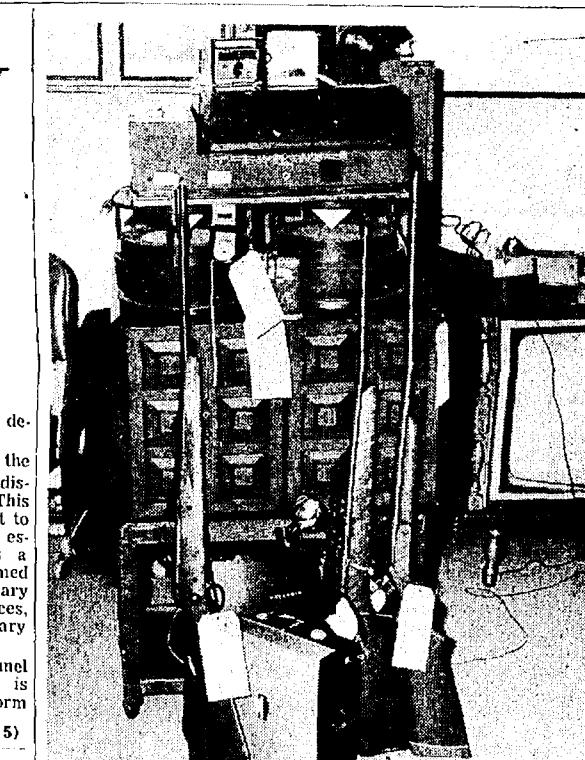
Both he and the groups felt it was more important to get one or more blacks on the board, he

said. He was withdrawing in favor of Festus H. Valentine, 370 North McCord street.

Mitchell said Valentine, a counselor at Lake Michigan College, would be more beneficial to the board than himself, a businessman.

Mitchell, Valentine and Befland

Befland will be on the ballot for one two-year term. Five candidates are on the ballot for two four-year terms.



RECOVERED LOOT: This is part of more than \$10,000 worth of alleged burglary loot recovered earlier this year in coordinated effort by Benton Harbor and Benton township police. Seven persons were placed under arrest on 14 warrants. Principal investigators were Det. James Ward of city department and Det. Charles Brooks of township. Brooks has since become a uniformed patrolman as township detective ranks were sliced because of money shortage. Same fate awaits city detective bureau unless millage issue passes Monday. Fewer detectives means less followup work toward solution of crimes. (Staff photos)



PHI BETA KAPPA: James Lininger, 22, son of Dr. and Mrs. Richard Lininger, 2712 Highland court, St. Joseph, has been elected to Phi Beta Kappa, the nation's oldest and most prestigious academic honor society. He will receive a bachelor of arts degree in pre-medical science May 23 from DePauw University, Greencastle, Ind. A 1967 graduate of St. Joseph high school, Lininger will enter medical school next fall at the University of Michigan.

Spring Cleaning Help Offered By BH Bandsman

Members of Benton Harbor high school's marching band will be out in full force Saturday during their annual spring clean-up day.

Persons in the Twin Cities area who have been putting off spring cleaning can call the high school bandroom (925-5101) Saturday from noon to 5 p.m. for assistance from band members.

"We're ready to wash cars, mow lawns, trim hedges or help in house cleaning chores," Darnell Fair, band president said. Upon completion of work donations will be accepted.

Last year the band held two clean-up days earning over \$2,000 to help finance the band's activities, Fair said.

Fair said the response of area residents in the past has been great and band members are hoping for another successful day Saturday.

Coloma Seniors Leave For Capital June 1

COLOMA—Members of the 1971 Coloma high senior class will journey to Washington, D.C. for a three day visit beginning June 1. Accompanying the graduating seniors will be Counselor Mr. Robert Drum, Mr. and Mrs. William Lehew, and high school principal and Mrs. Victor Wier.

Held annually, the three day visit to the nation's capital Library of Congress, Georgetown, Supreme Court, and the F.B.I. building just to mention a few.

THE HERALD-PRESS

ST. JOSEPH, MICH.

FRIDAY, MAY 21, 1971

Virtually Unchanged From Last Year

Berrien Allocation Unit Approves Millage Split

The Berrien county tax allocation board Thursday unanimously voted to adopt a tentative 1971 split of the 15-mill county real estate tax awarding virtually the same shares as last year to schools, townships and county government.

The only change from the split of 1970, said Chairman Doyle Barkmeier, was .02 mill taken from local school districts and given to the Berrien Intermediate school district to pay for increased data processing services performed for local schools. The schools had asked for this.

"I think it was more or less a hold-the-line situation this year," Barkmeier reported on the philosophy behind the new tentative millage split.

County government was expected to push this year — as

it did successfully in 1969 and 1970 — to gain more millage at the expense of local school districts.

The tax allocation board members recognize county government — and other units' — need for money but can't remedy this need. They hope for state tax reform that will alleviate the dollar pinch on local units of government, Barkmeier said.

Any moves for more millage at some other unit's expense likely would develop at two tax board public hearings scheduled June 1 and 2, both at 7:30 p.m. and both in the Berrien Intermediate school district headquarters at Berrien Springs.

The two hearings allow units sharing the millage to appear

and testify on or protest the tentative split. If the tax board follows custom, it will name the final split for 1971 in the June 2 meeting.

Allocation board members and a subcommittee arrived at the tentative split after reviews of 1972 tentative budgets from units sharing in the split.

Barkmeier noted that this was the first year that all of the county's townships asked for one mill or more. In the past several needed less than one mill but "like every taxing unit, costs have gone up and more services are being required of townships," Barkmeier said.

The tentative 1971 split adopted by the board Thursday calls for:

County government, 5.125 mills (same as 1970); local school districts, 8.676 (down .02 from 1970, at schools' request); Intermediate school district, .199 mills (up .02 for more data processing); and townships, one mill (same).

In addition, three school districts — Coloma, Watervliet and Niles — are tentatively budgeted one mill more than other local districts because the three contain cities and have boundaries crossing the Cass or Van Buren county line.

Tentative budgets reviewed by the allocation board would have required 6,046 mills for county government; 23.5 to 31.378 mills for local school districts; .208 mills for Intermediate district and one to 2.831 mills for townships.

Berrien Planners Back West Route For US-31

Berrien county planning commissioners went on record Thursday favoring the western course of the proposed US-31 freeway between Niles and Buchanan.

The two alternates in question, both between Niles and Buchanan, are about 9½ miles long and a mile and a half

apart at the farthest, Thomas Sinn, county development director said.

"As originally proposed by the state highway department, the commission felt the western route (closer to Buchanan) would provide better service to the Niles-Buchanan area," he said. "The western route also

conforms more to the expected growth pattern of the area in question."

In the commission's recommendation, which will be sent to the state highway department, one modification was suggested. It proposed the interchange on the western route be switched from Mathew road to Walton

road. "This change has received wide acceptance from the people of the area," Sinn said.

A public hearing will be held June 9 at 8 p.m. in Niles Ballard junior high school by the state highway department to gather opinions on whether the eastern or western alignment should be chosen. The county planning commission's recommendation will be part of that hearing.

Also Thursday, planners:

—Authorized to be published the final form of a county water and sewer plan. The plan outlines major service areas of future water and sewer systems in the county and relates them to a proposed county land use plan.

It would let communities assess their present systems for future growth and coordination with neighboring communities, and would serve as a basis for federal-state granting of funds for water and sewer.

— Authorized to be printed and put into final form a zoning manual, which includes a sample zoning ordinance to be used by cities, townships and villages in the county in helping to develop zoning ordinances for their communities.



NEW POSTMASTER: Mrs. Dorothy K. Maranto, Box 56, Harbert, has been appointed Harbert postmaster, a post she has held on a temporary basis since 1968. The appointment was announced by Postmaster General Winton M. Blount. Mrs. Maranto replaced former Postmaster David O'Donnell Jr., who was removed by the Post Office department in 1968. (Don Wehner photo)

Coloma Doctor To Leave

COLOMA — Dr. E. V. Sergeant has announced he plans to leave the Coloma area at the end of this year, after 26 years of practice.

Dr. Sergeant, 66, presently has his office at 460 Paw Paw up for sale, and is hoping that a doctor will take over his practice. He plans on going to Sun City, Ariz.

With the announcement, the Coloma area will face prospects of having only one doctor practicing in a community of 1,406 persons — Dr. Rolando Fajardo.

Dr. Sergeant said, "I've been looking for a doctor to take over my practice for months, and I've advertised in medical magazines but so far I haven't received any results."

Dr. Sergeant sees between 75 to 100 patients a day, and still makes house calls.

First opening his practice on Feb. 1, 1945, Dr. Sergeant hasn't missed a day of work. He came to Coloma from Des Plaines, Ill., where he practiced for 13 years.

"I'll miss Coloma," said Dr. Sergeant, "but I plan on taking up a practice in Sun City."

Dr. Sergeant said Sun City is a community of 15,000 persons and is located 18 miles from Phoenix. "They have a 30 acre lake, and six golf courses, and I plan to enjoy the pleasant weather there."

Should Dr. Sergeant sell his office before the end of the year, he plans to find a temporary office in the Coloma area until the end of the year.

Since first arriving in Coloma, Dr. Sergeant has been the Coloma Comets school physician and also physician for the Covert Bulldog team for some 10 years.

South Bend Gets Contract

DETROIT (AP)—The General Services Administration has awarded \$14 million contract to the AM General Corp., a subsidiary of American Motors Corp.

The GSA contract is for 7,000 quarter-ton post office delivery vehicles.

PAW PAW LAKE

Sewage Bond Sale Decisions Tonight

COLOMA — Four governmental units comprising the Paw Paw Lake Sewage Planning commission will meet separately tonight at 7:30 p.m. to act on contracts covering the proposed bond sale needed in the \$11 million sewage treatment system.

Special meetings will be held at Coloma and Watervliet city halls and at the Watervliet and Coloma Township halls.

Eric Munenow, planning commission chairman, will visit each meeting to collect the contracts.

The contracts will spell out the city's and township's obligation in repayment and give approval for the Berrien Public Works board to handle the actual sale.

Bonds amounting to \$5 million are to be sold to help pay for the system which is to serve the cities and townships of Coloma and Watervliet. The remaining \$6 million is to come from state and federal grants.



PLANS TO RETIRE: Dr. E. V. Sergeant, has announced he plans to retire from his Coloma practice at the end of this year to move to Sun City, Ariz.

He said he plans to take up practice there. Kept busy daily with between 75 to 100 patients, Dr. Sergeant presently has his office building up for sale. (Cliff Stevens photo)

CONVICTED

Heroin Salesman Faces Long Term

A 39-year-old Benton Harborite faces a prison sentence of 20 years minimum following his conviction by jury Thursday in Berrien circuit court on a charge of selling heroin.

Jurors in the court of Judge Karl F. Zick ended a two-day trial for Maurice Culley Bland, of 818 High street, with a verdict of guilty following 2½ hours of deliberation.

Heroin sale conviction carries a 20-year mandatory minimum prison sentence and up to life for the maximum.

Judge Zick ordered Bland's \$2,500 bond revoked and ordered him jailed until sentence.

Bland under oath denied knowing two key prosecution witnesses, who Assistant Prosecutor Hugh Black asked not to be identified because they will be used in future drug cases, testified they witnessed or took part in a sale by Bland of two bags of heroin for \$10 on Oct. 23, 1970, in Benton township.

REJECT ABORTION

PARIS (AP)—The French Communist party today rejected demands from women's groups for legal abortion for any woman who wants one.

Children's Movie Hour At Sodus

SODUS — The Sodus Town

ship library on Naomi road will sponsor its first children's movie hour from 2:30-3:30 p.m. tomorrow.

According to Mrs. Henry Ribicki, librarian, all children of the Sodus area may attend. Film strips to be shown include "Andy the Lion," "Family of N'Gumba," "The Littlest Angel," and "Piper's and A."

Line Still Ailing

PHILADELPHIA (AP)—Trustees for the Penn Central Railroad say further "emergency measures" will be needed to bring the nation's largest carrier out of its financial malaise and save it from failure.

er and sales manager for a agricultural chemical firm; David Peterson, South Haven, an attorney; James Stevens of Paw Paw.

In Allegan county, John Watts, 25, of Fennville, a former legislative assistant to former State Senator Lorraine Beeber and presently a candidate for a law degree, appears certain of announcing his candidacy, according to Republican sources.

The primary election is to be held June 24 and the election itself July 15.

The 54th district which Root held for 10 terms is made up of all of Van Buren county and 12 townships in Allegan county.

Republican officials in Van Buren say there may be perhaps four or five other Republicans who can be considered as possible candidates at this time.

Among them are:

County Treasurer A. A. (Edie) Smith of South Haven; Bel Kennedy, Bangor, a farm-

er and sales manager for a agricultural chemical firm; David Peterson, South Haven, an attorney; James Stevens of Paw Paw.

In Allegan county, John Watts, 25, of Fennville, a former legislative assistant to former State Senator Lorraine Beeber and presently a candidate for a law degree, appears certain of announcing his candidacy, according to Republican sources.

While there may be a primary battle among Republicans, Democratic sources in Van Buren at this time say that a Democrat primary runoff does not seem probable.

Finch was a delegate to the 1961-62 Michigan Constitutional convention where he served on the local government and rules and resolutions committee.

He served on the Van Buren county Farm Bureau board of directors for five years, three of which he was county president, and from 1965 to 1967 was on the board of directors of the Michigan Farm Bureau representing Van Buren, Berrien, Cass, Kalamazoo and St. Joseph

counties.

He is a member of the Allegan county Christmas Tree Growers association and has served as their director on the board of the state association for the past six years.

He has also been a member of the Almena township board, the township zoning board of appeals and the county Republican committee.

He and his wife Gerry reside on their farm in Almena township.

Deadline for filing nominations is June 4.

Nominations must be filed at the Secretary of State's office in Lansing and may be filed either through nominating petitions or by a \$100 fee.

Republican nominating petitions require at least 131 signatures and Democratic petitions at least 98, according to figures from Van Buren County Clerk Thomas Kiefer.

The deadline for withdrawing nominations is June 7.

Will Issue Ballots On Saturday

The Benton Harbor city clerk's office will be open Saturday from 8 a.m. to 2 p.m. to issue absentee voter ballot applications for Benton Harbor's May 24th millage election, according to City Clerk Mrs. Evelyn Grenawitzke.

Mrs. Grenawitzke said that in order for absentee ballots to be counted they must be returned by 8 p.m. Monday.

Traffic Deaths

Michigan Traffic Deaths By THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

May 21 State Police count

This year 654

Last year 745



FRANCIS FINCH

COLOMA FESTIVAL

Request Goes Out For Volunteers

COLOMA—An invitation to Coloma area residents interested in helping work on events during the Coloma Gladious Festival Aug. 6-8 was issued today by Festival President Wes Bexson.

Bexson said, "We are planning one of the biggest three-day events in our community this year, and in order to make these plans materialize we need volunteers."

According to Bexson, help is needed from now through the end of the festival. Several events are presently being worked on including a variety show, fireworks display, arts and crafts program in addition to the parade.

Bexson added, "It would be hard to say how much time would be needed by the volunteers, but it would not be so time-consuming that it would use up all their free time."

Most of the volunteers would assist festival chairmen for each of the special events.

"This festival is a community project, and we would welcome all the volunteer help we can get to make this truly a bigger and better festival for everyone," said Bexson.

Volunteers, regardless of age, interested in working on the community project and wishing to participate in the formation of this year's festival may contact Bexson at P. O. Box 452, Coloma.



WES BEXSON